

DISCIPLINARY ACTION

Interim Suspension. Matter of Daniel J. Anker, Board Case Nos. 39, 40, 41, and 42, 2003; Delaware Supreme Court Case No. 374, 2003. Date of Sanction: July 31, 2003.

On July 31, 2003, the Delaware Supreme Court issued an order immediately suspending Daniel J. Anker, Esquire, a solo practitioner in Wilmington who was admitted to the Delaware Bar in 1988, from the practice of law pending final determination of disciplinary proceedings against him. Pursuant to Rule 16 of the Delaware Lawyers' Rules of Disciplinary Procedure, the Office of Disciplinary Counsel ("ODC") filed a Verified Petition for Interim Suspension on July 30, 2003, based upon evidence received from clients, third parties, and others indicating that Anker had failed to pay off mortgages in connection with real estate transactions for which he had conducted the closings. An investigative audit by the Lawyers' Fund for Client Protection revealed serious problems with Anker's escrow account, including significant failures to safeguard and/or disburse client and third party funds, and a deficiency of funds in the account. Anker, who was represented by Allan Wendelburg, Esquire, did not contest the imposition of the interim suspension by the Court.

In the suspension order, the Court directed the ODC to report this matter to the appropriate criminal justice authorities for their independent review and investigation.

By order of the Court of Chancery, Richard A. Forsten, Esquire, of the law firm of Klett Rooney Lieber & Schorling, has been appointed as the receiver of Anker's law practice.